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White Space Spectrum
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay has set up India"s first pilot test-bed which uses unused frequencies allocated to broadcasting and exploits this "white space" spectrum to provide broadband Internet connectivity in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government"s flagship "Digital India Programme" will consider this project for broadband connectivity of villages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) The Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay has set up test-bed in TV white space with objective to assess the feasibility of providing broadband internet connectivity using TV white spaces. The test-beds have been set up in six villages of Palghar district of Maharashtra, namely, Khamloli, Haloli, Ganje, Pargaon, Manor and Maswan.

(c) & (d) The proposal for use of TV white space for broadband internet connectivity is under consideration.